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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Christoph Dorr
Serial No. : 09/554,025
Filed : May 8, 2000
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT
Group Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Ernesto Garcia
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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

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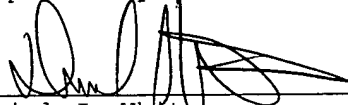
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests
a one (1) month extension of the period for response to the
Office Action mailed September 23, 2002. The response date set
in the Office Action was December 23, 2002. A response is
being filed herewith today, January 10, 2003, which is within
the first month after the response date. A check is enclosed
in the amount of \$110.00, which is the fee required for a one
month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for
response be extended by one (1) month so that the response file
herewith will be considered timely filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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